

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1447–S1496*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-one bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 552–572, and S. Res. 78–79. **Pages S1492–93**

**Measures Passed:**

*Career and Technical Education Month:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 79, supporting the goals and ideals of Career and Technical Education Month. **Page S1493**

**Desmond Nomination—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Michael J. Desmond, of California, to be Chief Counsel for the Internal Revenue Service and an Assistant General Counsel in the Department of the Treasury. **Pages S1448–58, S1458–72**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 84 yeas to 15 nays (Vote No. EX. 30), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S1467–68**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that the post-cloture time on the nomination expire at 12:15 p.m., on Wednesday, February 27, 2019; and that there be two minutes of debate equally divided prior to the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Andrew Wheeler, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. **Page S1472**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, February 27, 2019. **Page S1496**

**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 53 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 29), Eric D. Miller, of Washington, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. **Pages S1448–58, S1458–67, S1496**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S1488**

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**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Today—30) **Pages S1467–68**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:07 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, February 27, 2019. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S1496.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported 1,818 nominations in the Army, Air Force, Navy, and Marine Corps.

#### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States Strategic Command and United States Northern Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2020 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from General John E. Hyten, USAF, Commander, United States Strategic Command, and General Terrence J. O’Shaughnessy, USAF, Commander, United States Northern Command and North American Aerospace Command, both of the Department of Defense.

#### B–21 “RAIDER”

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Airland received a closed briefing on the B–21 “Raider”

from General Stephen W. Wilson, USAF, Vice Chief of Staff, and Randall G. Walden, Director, Rapid Capabilities Office, both of the Air Force, Department of Defense.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Mark Anthony Calabria, of Virginia, to be Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, Bimal Patel, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Secretary, and Dino Falaschetti, of Montana, to be Director, Office of Financial Research, both of the Department of the Treasury, Todd M. Harper, of Virginia, and Rodney Hood, of North Carolina, both to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board, Spencer Bachus III, of Alabama, and Judith DelZoppo Pryor, of Ohio, both to be a Member of the Board of Directors, and Kimberly A. Reed, of West Virginia, to be President, all of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and Seth Daniel Appleton, of Missouri, and Robert Hunter Kurtz, of Virginia, both to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

#### SEMIANNUAL MONETARY POLICY REPORT TO THE CONGRESS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Semiannual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress, after receiving testimony from Jerome H. Powell, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

#### CONNECTING AMERICA

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Transportation and Safety concluded a hearing to examine connecting America, focusing on intermodal connections across our surface transportation network, after receiving testimony from Chuck Baker, American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association, Washington, D.C.; Noel Hacegaba, Port of Long Beach, Long Beach, California, on behalf of the Intermodal Association of North America; Donna Lemm, IMC Companies, Inc., Memphis, Tennessee, on behalf of the Agri-

culture Transportation Coalition; and Joseph Szabo, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, Chicago, Illinois, on behalf of the Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors.

#### UNITED STATES TERRITORIES

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the state of the United States territories, after receiving testimony from Puerto Rico Governor Ricardo Rossello, San Juan; Guam Governor Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, Adelup; United States Virgin Islands Governor Albert Bryan, Jr., St. Thomas; and Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Governor Ralph Deleon Guerrero Torres, Saipan.

#### DRUG PRICING

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine drug pricing in America, after receiving testimony from Richard A. Gonzalez, AbbVie Inc., North Chicago, Illinois; Pascal Soriot, AstraZeneca, Wilmington, Delaware; Giovanni Caforio, Bristol-Myers Squibb, and Albert Bourla, Pfizer, both of New York, New York; Jennifer Taubert, Johnson and Johnson, New Brunswick, New Jersey; Kenneth C. Frazier, Merck and Co., Inc., Kenilworth, New Jersey; and Olivier Brandicourt, Sanofi, Bridgewater, New Jersey.

#### YEMEN

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* On Monday, February 25, 2019, Committee received a closed briefing on the conflict in Yemen from Timothy A. Lenderking, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Arabian Gulf Affairs, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State; and Michael P. Mulroy, Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Middle East, Department of Defense.

#### 2019 ANNUAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY REPORT TO CONGRESS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Intellectual Property concluded a hearing to examine the 2019 Annual Intellectual Property Report to Congress, after receiving testimony from Vishal Amin, Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator, Executive Office of the President.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 29 public bills, H.R. 4, 1356–1383; and 6 resolutions, H.

Con. Res. 21; and H. Res. 148–152, were introduced.

Pages H2232–34

Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H2235–36

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Kelly (IL) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2105**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:41 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H2109**

**Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2019 and Enhanced Background Checks Act of 2019—Rule for Consideration:** The House agreed to H. Res. 145, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 8) to require a background check for every firearm sale, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1112) to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to strengthen the background check procedures to be followed before a Federal firearms licensee may transfer a firearm to a person who is not such a licensee, by a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 91, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 229 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 90. **Pages H2119–28**

**Committee Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Levin (MI) wherein he resigned from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. **Page H2130**

**Committee Election:** The House agreed to H. Res. 148, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. **Page H2130**

**Clerk Designation:** Read a letter from the Clerk wherein she designated Ms. Gloria Lett, Deputy Clerk, Mr. Robert Reeves, Deputy Clerk, and Lloyd Horwich, Legal Counsel, to sign any and all papers and do all other acts in case of her temporary absence or disability. **Page H2130**

**Extension of time:** Agreed by unanimous consent that debate under clause 1(c) of rule XV on a motion to suspend the rules relating to S. 47 be extended to 50 minutes. **Page H2141**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

*Natural Resources Management Act:* S. 47, to provide for the management of the natural resources of the United States, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 363 yeas to 62 nays, Roll No. 95. **Pages H2218–19**

**Relating to a national emergency declared by the President on February 15, 2019:** The House passed H.J. Res. 46, relating to a national emergency declared by the President on February 15, 2019, by a yea-and-nay vote of 245 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 94. **Pages H2130–41, H2217–18**

H. Res. 144, the rule providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 46) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 229 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 93, after the previous question was ordered by

a yea-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 92. **Pages H2128–30**

**Directing the Secretary of the Senate to make a correction in the enrollment of the bill S. 47:** The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 21, directing the Secretary of the Senate to make a correction in the enrollment of the bill S. 47. **Page H2219**

**Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: Representative McGovern, Chair. **Pages H2221–22**

**Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member to serve as Co-Chair of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission: Representative McGovern. **Page H2222**

**Migratory Bird Conservation Commission—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission: Representative Thompson (CA). **Page H2222**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Six yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2127–28, H2128, H2128–29, H2129–30, H2217–18, and H2218–19. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **PUBLIC WITNESS HEARING**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled "Public Witness Hearing". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **OVERSIGHT HEARING: UNDERSTANDING THE CHANGING CLIMATE SYSTEM AND THE ROLE OF CLIMATE RESEARCH**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled "Oversight Hearing: Understanding the Changing Climate System and the Role of Climate Research". Testimony was heard from Michael H. Freilich, Director, Earth Science Division, Science Mission Directorate, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and Neil Jacobs, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Environmental Observation and Prediction, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce.

### LEVERAGING PRIVATE CAPITAL FOR UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES AND INDIVIDUALS: A LOOK INTO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (CDFIS)

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing entitled “Leveraging Private Capital for Underserved Communities and Individuals: A look into Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs)”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### APPROPRIATIONS—ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a budget hearing on the Architect of the Capitol. Testimony was heard from Christine A. Merdon, Acting Architect of the Capitol.

### DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held an oversight hearing on Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Richard A. Stone, M.D., Executive in Charge, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Robert Wilkie, Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs.

### APPROPRIATIONS—CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a budget hearing on the Congressional Budget Office. Testimony was heard from Keith Hall, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

### PUBLIC WITNESS HEARING

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Public Witness Hearing”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### NAVAL SURFACE FORCES READINESS: ARE NAVY REFORMS ADEQUATE?

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Readiness; and Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces held a joint hearing entitled “Naval Surface Forces Readiness: Are Navy Reforms Adequate?”. Testimony was heard from Admiral Christopher W. Grady, Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command, and Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Northern Command, Department of the Navy; and Admiral John C. Aquilino, Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Department of the Navy.

### INF WITHDRAWAL AND THE FUTURE OF ARMS CONTROL: IMPLICATIONS FOR THE SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES AND ITS ALLIES

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing entitled “INF Withdrawal and the Future of Arms Control: Implications for the Security of the United States and its Allies”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, CYBERSECURITY, AND INFORMATION ASSURANCE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Intelligence and Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a hearing entitled “Department of Defense Information Technology, Cybersecurity, and Information Assurance”. Testimony was heard from Dana Deasy, Chief Information Officer, Department of Defense; Lisa Hershman, Acting Chief Management Officer, Department of Defense; and Brigadier General Dennis Crall, U.S. Marine Corps, Deputy Principal Cyber Advisor, Department of Defense.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 865, the “Rebuild America’s Schools Act of 2019”; and H.R. 7, the “Paycheck Fairness Act”. H.R. 865 and H.R. 7 were ordered reported, as amended.

### PROTECTING CONSUMER PRIVACY IN THE ERA OF BIG DATA

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce held a hearing entitled “Protecting Consumer Privacy in the Era of Big Data”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### EPA’S ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM: TAKING THE ENVIRONMENTAL COP OFF THE BEAT

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “EPA’s Enforcement Program: Taking the Environmental Cop Off the Beat”. Testimony was heard from Susan Bodine, Assistant Administrator, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, Environmental Protection Agency; and public witnesses.

### WHO’S KEEPING SCORE? HOLDING CREDIT BUREAUS ACCOUNTABLE AND REPAIRING A BROKEN SYSTEM

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Who’s Keeping Score? Holding Credit Bureaus Accountable and Repairing a Broken System”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### ON THE EVE OF THE SUMMIT: OPTIONS FOR U.S. DIPLOMACY ON NORTH KOREA

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and Nonproliferation held a hearing entitled “On the Eve of the Summit: Options for U.S. Diplomacy on North Korea”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MADE BY MADURO: THE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN VENEZUELA AND U.S. POLICY RESPONSES

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Made by Maduro: The Humanitarian Crisis in Venezuela and U.S. Policy Responses”. Testimony was heard from Representative Ruiz and public witnesses.

### A GLOBAL CRISIS: REFUGEES, MIGRANTS AND ASYLUM SEEKER

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “A Global Crisis: Refugees, Migrants and Asylum Seekers”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### SECURING U.S. SURFACE TRANSPORTATION FROM CYBER ATTACKS

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Transportation and Maritime Security; and the Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Innovation held a joint hearing entitled “Securing U.S. Surface Transportation from Cyber Attacks”. Testimony was heard from Sonya Proctor, Director for the Surface Division, Office of Security Policy and Industry Engagement, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; Bob Kolasky, Director of National Risk Management Center, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on House Administration:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1, the “For the People Act of 2019”. H.R. 1 was ordered reported, as amended.

### OVERSIGHT OF THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION’S FAMILY SEPARATION POLICY

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Trump Administration’s Family Separation Policy”. Testimony was heard from Nathalie R. Asher, Acting Executive Associate Director, Enforcement and Removal Operations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; Scott Lloyd, Senior

Advisor, Center for Faith and Opportunity Initiatives, Department of Health and Human Services; James McHenry, Director, Executive Office for Immigration Review, Department of Justice; Carla Provost, Chief, U.S. Border Patrol, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; and Commander Jonathan White, U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, Department of Health and Human Services.

### THE STATE OF WATER SUPPLY RELIABILITY IN THE 21ST CENTURY

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife held a hearing entitled “The State of Water Supply Reliability in the 21st Century”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### THE DENIAL PLAYBOOK: HOW INDUSTRIES MANIPULATE SCIENCE AND POLICY FROM CLIMATE CHANGE TO PUBLIC HEALTH

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “The Denial Playbook: How Industries Manipulate Science and Policy from Climate Change to Public Health”.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Oversight and Reform:* Full Committee held a business meeting to consider a Resolution Offered by Chairman Elijah E. Cummings Authorizing Issuance of Subpoenas Related to Child Separation Policy. The Resolution Offered by Chairman Elijah E. Cummings Authorizing Issuance of Subpoenas Related to Child Separation Policy passed, without amendment.

### THE FUTURE OF ARPA-E

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “The Future of ARPA-E”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### SHUTDOWN LESSONS: SBA CAPITAL ACCESS PROGRAMS

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Investigations, Oversight, and Regulations held a hearing entitled “Shutdown Lessons: SBA Capital Access Programs”. Testimony was heard from William M. Manger, Associate Administrator, Office of Capital Access, Small Business Administration.

## EXAMINING HOW FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE POLICY COULD HELP MITIGATE AND ADAPT TO CLIMATE CHANGE

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining How Federal Infrastructure Policy Could Help Mitigate and Adapt to Climate Change”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## NATIONAL SECURITY IMPLICATIONS OF THE RISE OF AUTHORITARIANISM AROUND THE WORLD

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “National Security Implications of the Rise of Authoritarianism Around the World”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

### LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATION OF THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Committee concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the Disabled American Veterans, after receiving testimony from Dennis R. Nixon, Jim Marszalek, Joy J. Ilem, Randy Reese, J. Marc Burgess, Barry A. Jesinoski, John Kleindienst, Jeffrey C. Hall, and Ellen Timmerman, all of Disabled American Veterans, Washington, D.C.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2019

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, to receive a closed briefing on Department of Defense cyber operations, 2:30 p.m., SVC–217.

Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold an oversight hearing to examine military personnel policies and military family readiness, 2:30 p.m., SR–222.

*Committee on the Budget:* to hold hearings to examine the Budget Control Act, focusing on a review of cap-adjusted spending, 2:30 p.m., SD–608.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine policy principles for a Federal data privacy framework in the United States, 10 a.m., SH–216.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold hearings to examine S. 383, to support carbon dioxide utilization and direct air capture research, to facilitate the permitting and development of carbon capture, utilization, and sequestration projects and carbon dioxide pipelines, 10 a.m., SD–406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine assessing the role of the United States in the world, 10:15 a.m., SD–419.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine protecting the electric grid from an electromagnetic pulse or geomagnetic disturbance, 2:30 p.m., SD–106.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* to hold an oversight hearing to examine the 45th anniversary of the Native American Programs Act and the establishment of the Administration for Native Americans, 2:30 p.m., SD–628.

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* to hold hearings to examine the future of American industry, 2:30 p.m., SR–428A.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of The American Legion, 10 a.m., SD–G50.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture,* Full Committee, business meeting to consider the Budget Views and Estimates Letter of the Committee on Agriculture for the Agencies and Programs under the Jurisdiction of the Committee for Fiscal Year 2020, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Full Committee, hearing entitled “The State of the Rural Economy”, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing entitled “Election Security: Ensuring the Integrity of U.S. Election Systems”, 10 a.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Reviewing the Administration’s Unaccompanied Children Program: State-Sanctioned Child Abuse”, 10 a.m., 2358–C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, budget hearing on the Government Accountability Office, 10 a.m., HT–2 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “The President’s 2019 National Emergency Declaration Circumventing Congress to Build a Border Wall and Its Effect on Military Construction and Readiness”, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, hearing entitled “Oversight of U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), Programs and Policies”, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Stakeholder Perspectives: Fair Housing”, 10 a.m., 2358–A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, budget hearing on the Government Publishing Office, 11 a.m., HT–2 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, oversight hearing on the Food and Drug Administration, 3 p.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services*, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing entitled “Transgender Service Policy”, 3 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “2017 Tax Law: Impact on the Budget and American Families”, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Education and Labor*, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education, hearing entitled “Classrooms in Crisis: Examining the Inappropriate Use of Seclusion and Restraint Practices”, 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing entitled “Caring for Our Caregivers: Protecting Health Care and Social Service Workers from Workplace Violence”, 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Confronting a Growing Public Health Threat: Measles Outbreaks in the U.S.”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled “Clean Energy Infrastructure and the Workforce to Build It”, 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ethics*, Full Committee, organizational meeting, 3:15 p.m., 1015 Longworth.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Monetary Policy and the State of the Economy”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Diversity and Inclusion will hold a hearing entitled “An Overview of Diversity Trends in the Financial Services Industry”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Trump Administration’s Foreign Policy: A Mid-Term Assessment”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “America’s Global Leadership: Why Diplomacy and Development Matter”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Full Committee, hearing on “Securing our Nation’s Chemical Facilities: Building on the Progress of the CFATS Program”, 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 560, the “Northern Mariana Islands Residents Relief Act”, 10:30 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Reform*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Hearing with Michael Cohen, Former Attorney to President Donald Trump”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Subcommittee on Environment, hearing entitled “Sea Change: Impacts of Climate Change on Our Oceans and Coasts”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Supporting America’s Startups: Review of SBA Entrepreneurial Development Programs”, 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Full Committee, business meeting on Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Views and Estimates of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; and markup on H. Con. Res. 16, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers Memorial Service and the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition; H. Con. Res. 19, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby; H.R. 1318, to direct the Library of Congress to obtain a stain glassed panel depicting the seal of the District of Columbia and install the panel among the stained glass panels depicting the seals of States which overlook the Main Reading Room of the Library of Congress Thomas Jefferson Building; and H.R. 639, to amend section 327 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to clarify that National Urban Search and Rescue Response System task forces may include Federal employees, 10 a.m., HVC-210.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “VA 2030: A Vision for the Future of VA”, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “U.S.-China Trade”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Hearing*: Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of The American Legion, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Wednesday, February 27

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Wednesday, February 27

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Michael J. Desmond, of California, to be Chief Counsel for the Internal Revenue Service and an Assistant General Counsel in the Department of the Treasury, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation of the nomination at 12:15 p.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Michael J. Desmond, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Andrew Wheeler, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

## House Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Consideration of H.R. 8—Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2019. Consideration of H.R. 1112—Enhanced Background Checks Act of 2019.

## Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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